Networks Scrap Commercials In Covering Death

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's three major television and radio networks scrapped all commercials and entertainment programs out of respect for the death Friday of President Kennedy.

The National Broadcasting Co., American Broadcasting Co., and Columbia Broadcasting System all said they would devote their entire network radio and television programs to news of the assassination and all allied incidents.

The Mutual Broadcasting system said it would ban commercials and entertainment features on its radio network until after the President's funeral.

ABC said its commercial and entertainment ban would remain in effect indefinitely. NBC said it would observe the commercial and entertainment blackout until "sometime Saturday night."

CBS said it would not return commercials or entertainment programs to its network until after the President's burial.

All networks said they would continue broadcasts on radio and television through Friday night.